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**SUNSHINE AND SHADOW**--Students relax under campus trees on clear sunny autumn afternoons.

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## Environmentalism to open Series

Dr. Helen Caldicott will address environmental issues in her lecture entitled "If You Love This Planet" to open the Student Enrichment Series Oct. 11. Australian-born Caldicott has taught pediatrics at Harvard Medical School. She is an authority on the preservation of a healthy environment.

The free 10 a.m. lecture is open to all students, faculty and staff as well as the public. Instructors will decide if students who have class during that hour may attend, Dr. William Crowe, dean of humanities and social sciences, said.

Crowe hopes that the series of speakers will help make students more aware of the issues that affect their everyday lives.



**Dr. Helen Caldicott**

In the spring the Series will focus on "The Encounter: A Quin-centennial Commemoration" to celebrate Columbus's discovery of America.

Carlos Fuentes, author of "The Old Gringo" will begin the Spring Series with a lecture at 7:30 p.m. March 30 in Wise Auditorium. Fuentes has served as Mexico's Ambassador to France and is a member of Mexico's National Commission on Human Rights.

The Series is sponsored by the Rogers Endowment for Excellence and gifts from Hibbs-Hallmark and Company, Mother Francis Hospital, Mrs. D. K. Caldwell, Sears Roebuck and Company, Trane Company Tyler Museum of Art and Tyler Pipe Industries.

## Some volunteer for grades

By Angela Hudson  
staff writer

Some psychology students are doing volunteer work in Tyler community service agencies. They chose volunteer work instead of writing reports and summaries on articles in professional journals for an expansion project grade.

Volunteers must contribute at least 28 hours of time to this project to receive a grade. They also must write a diary of their experiences about the time they contributed as volunteers.

One instructor organizing this project, Psychology Instructor Christopher L. Smith, said he doesn't

expect the project to be an easy grade. But the other option, writing summaries, takes just as much time.

Smith said he thinks this is a good time for students to start to realize what life is really like. This project is intended to stimulate an interest in volunteerism among students.

Student turnout was higher than Smith expected in his classes. Of the approximately 240 students he teaches, more than 60, or approximately 25 percent, have signed up as volunteers.

Some organizations are in real need of volunteers, he said. Among groups seeking help are the Red Cross, East Texas Crisis Center and

the YMCA.

This project, Smith said, stimulates the students' thinking abilities about themselves and the way they live in a different perspective. And this type of project gives something back to the community.

One who chose to volunteer was Mary Criss who said, "I volunteer my time in the community to become more aware of the environment around me."

Tammi Smith said, "I just don't have time."

The larger percentage of the class on the project do feel this way, even though there are enough openings in the community for all the students in this project.

## Gramm to open Coats for Kids

*Bush names PATH 544th 'point of light'*

By Mondale Dobbs  
staff writer

U.S. Senator Phil Gramm will be in Tyler Sunday to help open the annual Coats for Kids drive, which is PATH's current project for needy Smith County children.

The drive opens at 2:30 p.m. in Good Samaritan Outreach Center, 708 N. Ross Avenue. The public is invited.

"Coats for Kids" is a campaign to gather and distribute new and used coats to give to needy children.

Coats and jackets in sizes from infant to adult can be dropped off at any local dry cleaners. They will mend and clean coats and deliver them to PATH for distribution.

PATH, People Attempting To

Help, was just named one of President George Bush's 1,000 Points of Lights. PATH is the 544th organization to be given this honor.

PATH is a local organization that benefits Smith County families in need.

"Points of Light are places where work is being done to help social problems," PATH Director Nancy Lamar said.

President Bush hopes to name 1000 Points of Light during his first term as president, Lamar said.

People who want to help PATH can volunteer at the PATH offices, contribute food or money and recycle aluminum cans and paper. The organization already has 515 volunteers, but it needs all the additional

help people are willing to offer, Lamar said.

The PATH board of directors meets every quarter and anyone is welcome to attend their meetings, Lamar said.

At this time PATH aids 18,465 households in Smith County with food, help with payment of rent, Coats for Kids and the School Supply Train.

PATH Week, which has recently ended, is when the organization has its principle fundraisers and publicity. The goal this year is to raise \$185,000 by the middle of October. To date \$159,000 has been raised.

If interested in helping the organization, call Lamar at 597-4044, or drop by PATH offices at 402 Front Street.

## Lube-a-Thon raises \$3,500

Super Lube raised more than \$3,500 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association last month in their second annual Lube-A-Thon. That total more than doubles last year's figures.

Proceeds from the event will provide East Texas patients top-quality care through therapy, orthopedic equipment, and support groups, MDA officials said.

Lube-A-Thon organizers were: Super Lube owner Bill Langley, Neal Cooper of Super Lube, MDA District Director Gail Prejean and Rick Reynolds of KTMJ Majic 104.

Super Lube provided free oil changes with a \$12.50 minimum donation to MDA. Employees and volunteers serviced 263 cars at two Tyler locations.

Sponsors were: 7Up, Tyler Beverages, Inc., the Thrifty Nickel, Peltier Nissan-Pontiac-Mitsubishi, Music Mountain Water, Magic 104, Domino's Pizza, Pennzoil and TJC.

Because of the huge success, MDA officials plan to expand next year, with Longview already selected as an expansion site.

"It was a great event and we thank the people of Tyler for their continued support," said Carol Biggs, an MDA worker in Tyler.

## Voter signup to end Friday

Friday is the deadline to register to vote in the November election which will bring up 13 amendments to the Texas State Constitution to voters for consideration.

Individuals who have recently turned 18 or whose address has changed must go to the Voter's Registration Office and register in person. The office is on the first floor of Smith County Court House at 100 N. Broadway Ave downtown.

Although registering by mail is not easy, it is possible. TJC is scheduling a voter registration drive, Student Activities Director Scott Nalley said, but an exact date has not been set. Registration cards can be picked up at the Student Activities Office. The post office does not carry registration cards and the federal government does not automatically send them out on a person's eighteenth birthday.

For more information about registering by mail contact a government or economics instructor on campus or call Shari Koukl with the League of Women Voters.



## Opinion-News

## Stepping Backwards

The struggle for racial equality is taking giant steps backward. In Milwaukee a black community leader is threatening urban guerilla warfare if the city doesn't do something to improve conditions in black neighborhoods.

In Detroit, a school for black males only has been proposed to help solve problems of gangs and black-on-black violence.

On campuses across the country, political correctness is an important issue as ethnic groups seek to preserve their cultural heritage by separating themselves from other ethnic groups.

Despite the legal equality that all racial and ethnic groups share in this country, racism is far from dead. A recent study reported on radio station KTBB used the workplace as an example. In the study, white persons and members of minority groups were sent on job interviews. Before they went to the interviews, they were given similar resumes and coached in speech so they would be almost identical in every way. The study showed that the white persons got most of the jobs.

This points out the racism problem that exists in America. Important judgments about people are still made based on the color of their skin. Our goal should be to eliminate that kind of thinking, to reach a point where we no longer think of people in terms of what ethnic group they belong to, but simply as Americans.

The movement for political correctness is just a tool to broaden rather than narrow the gap between groups. Although it is important for people to remember their heritage and be proud of their ancestry, it is also important for different cultures to merge and become an American culture. That's how this nation came to be, by merging ideas and values from different cultures into a hybrid that has influenced cultures around the world.

A black-males-only school would be a step back to the segregation that civil rights activists of the 60s fought so hard to eliminate. It goes even one step further by omitting females.

Schools are a place for young people to learn not only about math and science and history, but how to perform in social situations. A school that caters only to males of one race would leave its students ill-prepared to deal with the real world, where they must interact with people of all races and both genders.

The threat of violence only widens the gap between groups by creating the idea that the struggle for an improved standard of living is an "us versus them" proposition.

Instead, it must be a cooperative effort by all segments of society. Everyone must be willing to work together to implement lasting social change.

"Those who forget the past are condemned to repeat it" is a phrase we should remember as we try to solve our racial dilemmas. We all either remember or have learned about the civil rights movement of the 60s and the effect it has had on our society.

But the true goal of that movement seems in danger of being forgotten. To recall where the focus should be, we simply need to look to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech. He speaks of "that day when all of God's children - black and white, Jews and Gentiles, Catholics and Protestants - will be able to join hands and to sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last, thank God Almighty, we are free at last'."

## Tyler Junior College News

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## Campus drive wants your blood

By Richard Choy  
staff writer

Halloween is on its way and vampires are coming to campus. The TJC fall blood drive will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct 28-29 in the Apache rooms 1 and 2 of the Rogers Student Center, Jennifer Campsey, donor recruiter for Stewart Regional Blood Center, said.

Last year the Center supplied more than 40,000 units of blood and blood products to hospitals within a 26-county area.

This year the Center is expected to need more than 50,000 units. This breaks down to nearly 170 donations per day.

"The Center really needs all blood types," Campsey said.

The most common blood type is A+ and the two rarest types are AB- and B-. The universal blood type is O-. This means that O- blood may be given to anybody, no matter what type blood they have.

Although some places allow you to donate blood for your own use, the Center at this time has no facilities for long-term storage, Campsey said.

"Students may donate whole blood every eight weeks or 56 days," Campsey said, "whereas plasma may be donated as often as three times a

week."

An important difference between blood products is in their use. Red blood cells are used during surgery. Platelets, which help to clot blood, are used to treat cancer patients. Plasma is used to treat burn patients.

After it is drawn from donors, the blood is put through a battery of tests which include blood typing and screening for Hepatitis B and C virus and HIV (AIDS antibody).

No one should give blood at this time if they have:

- history of hepatitis or are a carrier of hepatitis virus,
- insulin-controlled diabetes,
- a full-term pregnancy or miscarriage within the last six weeks.

Others who may not donate are those who had mononucleosis in the last six months, received a transfusion or paid for sex in the last 12 months.

Some can never donate blood:

- persons with laboratory evidence of HIV infection (or AIDS),
- men who have had sex with another man and
- persons (and their sexual partners) who have ever injected drugs into their veins.
- persons with hemophilia or related clotting disorders

- men and women who have engaged in sex for money or drugs
- women who have had sex with a bisexual man.

You should eat a good meal before you donate, Campsey said, and allow 30 minutes for the total processing time even though it only takes about 10 minutes to draw the blood.

Anyone can come to donate including faculty and staff. Persons age 17 need proof of age and parent's permission to donate.

During the campus drive, the Center will give their 40-year anniversary coozies to donors.

Those who decide to donate at any other time can go to the Blood Center at 815 S. Baxter in Tyler. Their phone number is (903) 535-5400.

The Center is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Many potential donors worry about the safety of giving blood, but blood drives are very safe, Campsey said.

Everything used in the process is disposable and is used only once.

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## Transfers must repeat admission process

When the time comes to transfer to a senior college, many students are left in the dark. But transferring to a senior college is similar to applying to a junior college, Admissions Counselor Jana Chancey said.

First contact a senior college which is known for your major. To contact this senior college, send for a catalog. Find out if the college has a placement center and what financial aid is available. Most colleges have a trans-

fer orientation.

To find out if your classes transfer look in correlation guides, Chancey said, but most TJC credit classes will transfer. Check with the degree plan of the four-year college. In senior colleges, the lowest transferable grade is a 2.0.

Scholarships will not transfer, but they will show you have received honors here, Candice Garner, assistant director of student financial aid

and scholarships, said. To apply for a scholarship at a senior college, contact the financial aid office. Procedures differ from campus to campus, so make sure to find out about all scholarships offered, she said.

University Morning Nov. 11 can help students thinking of transferring to a senior college. Representatives from universities come to answer questions about housing, scholarships and degree plans, Chancey said.

## Forensics takes 1st in junior college sweepstakes

The Forensics Team won top junior college sweepstakes and third place sweepstakes at the Hill Country Swing Tournament at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos and the University of Texas at Austin recently. Eighteen colleges and universities competed representing Texas, Oklahoma, Iowa and New Jersey.

At Southwest, finalists were: Danny Adams in dramatic interpretation and Suzi Dabney in program

oral interpretation. Lori Fleener placed third in program oral interp.

At Austin, TJC took top honors in program oral interpretation with Becky Robertson placing first, Mary Hill, second and Fleener, third.

Jonas Estes placed seventh in dramatic interpretation and was a semifinalist in prose interpretation. Hill placed first in prose interp and second in dramatic interp.

The team will compete in the Owl and Pussycat Swing Tourna-

ment Oct. 25-27 at Rice and Prairie View A&M universities.

They will compete Nov. 8-10 in the Texas Intercollegiate Forensics Association Fall Tournament at Texas A&I University.

They will host the TIFA Spring Tournament Jan. 31- Feb. 2, 1992.

"This will be a great opportunity for students, faculty, administrators and the community to see forensics at work," Instructor M'Liss Hindman said.

## Campus Briefs

### Gov. Richards to tour RTDC

Governor Ann Richards will tour the Regional Training and Development Center and the Business Incubator at 11:30 a.m. next Thursday to kick off the Northeast Texas Economic pep rally.

The Incubator is office space for small businesses which need help to get off the ground. To enter the Incubator program, businesses first must show willingness to help themselves.

The pep rally is the beginning of a year-long program to help small businesses to become more successful. This program will be conducted in 23 counties and end in Longview next year, Public Information Director Betty Nelson said.

### Dental Clinic offers free care

Few things are free, but the Dental Clinic in Pirtle Technology Center is. Students there offer free preventive dental care to students, faculty and staff.

Preventive services include: patient education, teeth cleanings, fluoride treatments, pit and fissure sealants to prevent tooth decay and minimal periodontal therapy.

This clinic has been in existence for 20 years, Dr. Mack Hughes, dental hygiene program director, said.

These services are available to the general public for the nominal fee of \$4. Clinic hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Wednesday and 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

"These students are of good moral character and have a general interest in people," Hughes said.

This year they scored highly on the National Board Exam, a test they must pass before they can become registered dental hygienists.

### Campus police plan Project I.D.

October is Crime Awareness Month which Campus Safety is promoting by hosting Project I.D. The project includes children and property, Campus Safety Coordinator Gene Carney, said.

Children can be fingerprinted and photographed for an I.D. card, and property will be engraved in the Campus Safety Office. Persons wanting large fixed property en-graved should call in advance.

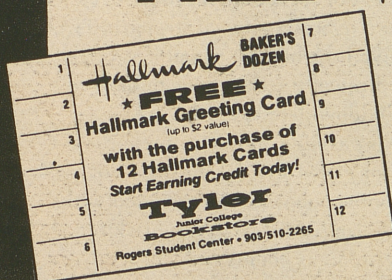
Project I.D. is open to all TJC students, faculty and staff between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Other hours must be requested and approved for appointment, Carney said.

Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of Project I.D. Oct. 1 to Nov. 1. For more information call Campus Safety at 510-2258.

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## Health, P.E. Center requires identification cards

By Kim Johnson  
staff writer

Students must have I.D. cards to use the Health and Physical Education center. Some students believe that this rule is unnecessarily rigid.

Students may get by the front desk without having their card scanned, but they must be able to produce a card before they can obtain required clothing or equipment.

Roland Schick, director of health and kinesiology, explained why it is

important for students to have cards.

The most important is to make sure only qualified individuals are using the building. The I. D. card serves as a way to control vandalism.

Last year the program lost more than 60 uniforms and 250 towels, Schick said.

Students may have to purchase their own uniforms next year because of the cost in stolen items and extra cost for employees hired specifically to monitor student check-in and check-out.

Schick said if it were not for replacing the stolen required clothing, he could have purchased a new stair-stepping machine. These machines are popular in the exercise room which includes only two. Demand for the equipment has soared, and Schick would like to see funds spent on new equipment rather than replacing stolen uniforms and towels. Schick believes students think of physical education as a step-child. They cut it first of all their classes. The rigid attendance policy may have

many students in a state of fear, but that suits the faculty just fine. Students cannot expect to pass a class unless they attend on a regular basis. Fifty percent of their grade is based on performance.

Schick believes students must be involved and concerned about their physical health.

Those who take their classes seriously and attend should have no problem making a good grade.

Students who forget their I.D. card may get by once, but Schick said

, the second time to forget the student will suffer the consequence.

"Sometimes students have to learn from mistakes," Schick said. "A hard, wrong choice will help you in the future."

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## Belles' job not easy

by Anita Garcia  
staff writer

It's not easy being an Apache Belle. It's tough getting chosen and hard work once that happens.

The Belles have a physically, as well as mentally, demanding job, Belle Director Ruth Flynn said. They must meet specific requirements to be chosen. They must be a high school graduate, age 18-21 and single. They should have a dance background, such as cheerleading or other drill team experience, good rhythm, flexibility and be team-oriented.

When it is time to select new Belles, the sophomore captains and other second-year team members choose the best from applicants. To try out, prospective Belles attend three practices a day for 12 days in August.

They learn a high kick routine, a jazz routine and present a routine of their own before tryouts, Flynn said.

They perform about 100 times a year at football games, basketball games and other school and community activities.

Last August 32 freshman women were picked to complete the group of 52 Belles.

Belles must maintain a 2.0 GPA, as well as keep their weight in proportion with their height. They live in a dorm and practice everyday, Flynn said.

Flynn attended Kilgore College where she was a Rangerette. She has a lot of experience in dancing and baton twirling. She is passing her years and knowledge of rhythm on to the Belles.

## Nurse treats ill, gives injections

Health Services Coordinator Zelda Boucher or any Health Services colleague provides a variety of health care service. They treat illness, administer injections, teach good health practices and present health education programs.

Boucher, a graduate of TJC and Texas Eastern School of Nursing, is dedicated to taking care of the sick and injured. She is interested in students. She has two sons, college age and older, so she treats the students like family, like her sons, she said.

Student who need help for an ailment or injury of any kind can reach Boucher from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday through Friday in her office in Suite 217, Rogers Student Center. She can also be reached by phone at 510-2264.

Health care services include any problem or questions relating to health. Answers and most services are free.

Vaccines are free except for Hepatitis B, which only health care-providers students pay for, Boucher said. Their cost is \$160.

Boucher is available even if a student just needs someone to talk to. New students are more than welcome to drop by for a health evaluation, she said.

## Alcohol Week poster contest opens

Anheuser-Busch and the Inter Association Task Force on Alcohol and Other Substance Abuse Issues are co-sponsoring a poster competition for National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.

Scholarships of \$20,000 will be awarded to the best posters created on the theme "Know When to Say When."

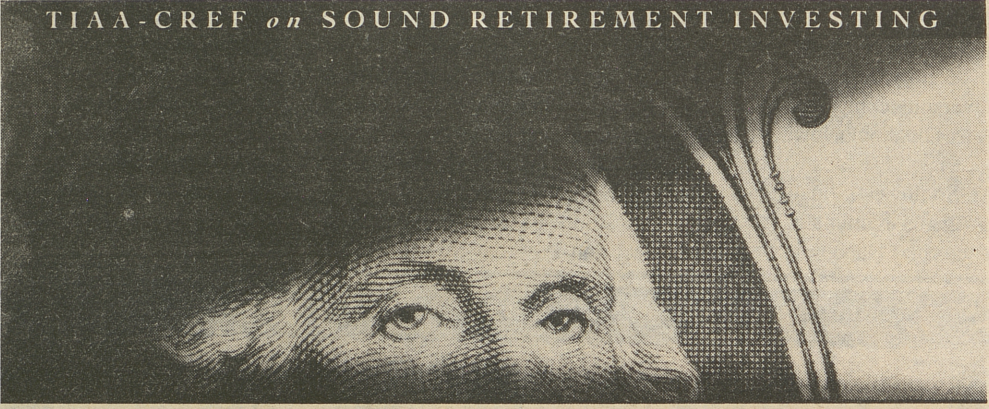
First place winner will be named the "Official National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Poster" for 1992.

Grand prize is \$5,000, five runners-up will receive \$1,000 scholarships and 20 third place scholarships of \$500 will be awarded.

All posters should be in good taste and should not reveal any brand identity or organization. Drawing ability will not be a determining factor in the judging, but rather the concept of the entries.

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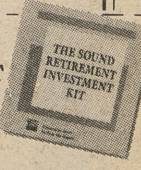
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